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HONG KONG FOR SCR/HK GRAY

HQ'S CUSTOMS FOR OFFICE OF FOREIGN OPERATIONS/FAR EAST DESK

E.O. 12356: N/A
 TAGS: PGOV, PHUM, ELAB, ETRD, CH
 SUBJECT: PRISON LABOR

REFS: HONG KONG 03971

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1. THE TWO GUANGDONG FARMS IDENTIFIED IN REFTEL AS PRISONS OR FORCED LABOR CAMPS PRODUCING SHOES FOR EXPORT TO THE U.S. ARE EASILY IDENTIFIED ON LOCAL MAPS AND ARE ONLY ABOUT AN HOUR OR TWO DISTANT FROM GUANGZHOU BY CAR. UNFORTUNATELY, OUR TRAVEL GUIDELINES FROM THE GUANGDONG FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE (FAO) SUGGEST WE CANNOT TRAVEL TO "SIHUI" (CORRECT PINYIN SPELLING) COUNTY BY CONSULATE OR PERSONAL POV WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE FAO.

2. DO ADDRESSEES WISH US TO REQUEST FORMAL PERMISSION TO VISIT THESE TWO LOCATIONS AT THIS TIME?

3. WHILE WE WILL NOT KNOW FOR SURE UNTIL WE GET CLOSER, WE HAVE DOUBTS THE DAWANG OVERSEAS CHINESE FARM, WHICH IS CLEARLY AND PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED ON OUR MAPS AS THE "DA WANG HUAQIAO NONGCHANG," IS A FORCED LABOR CAMP. AS WE HAVE LEARNED FROM OUR

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VISITS TO YINGDE COUNTY, ABANDONED FORCED LABOR CAMPS MAKE IDEAL RELOCATION PLACES FOR LARGE IMMIGRANT GROUPS, LIKE THE "OVERSEAS CHINESE" VIETNAM REFUGES WHICH ARRIVED FOLLOWING THE SINO-VIETNAMESE BORDER CLASHES OF 1979. IT MAY WELL BE, HOWEVER, AS ONE OF THE SOURCES IN REFTEL SUGGESTS, THERE IS A PRISON ADJACENT TO THE DA WANG FARM.

4. WE ARE PREPARED, AS ALWAYS, TO FACILITATE CUSTOMS IN ANY WAY WE CAN IN TRACKING DOWN REPORTS OF PRISON-MADE PRODUCTS BEING MANUFACTURED FOR EXPORT TO THE U.S. PLEASE ADVISE.

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